

2014 SRTS Awardees

Rookie of the Year: St. Albans City School

Recognizing an outstanding new SRTS program

- Started Summer 2013
- Provided Bike/Ped/RR Safety education to all student during integrated arts sessions
- Principal published many articles about SRTS efforts in the local newspapers
- Participated in International Walk to School Day
- Launched monthly Walk to School Day in January with 6 walking school buses
- Tracked month-long travel behavior and has students sign-in during each walk day
- Principal is working to get the entire SU involved
- Staff helps with crossing 1st week of school (stands at intersections and coaches students on how to safely cross the road) staff leads walking school buses
- School worked with Police Department to make videos about safety cross the road and difficult crossing throughout the city (on walk routes)

Innovation in SRTS: Peter Lawry, Central Elementary School

Recognizing a Partner school who constantly innovates and keeps program fresh and exciting

- Tracking in PE class and providing visuals for students to see progress
- Ribbons to students and classrooms with the most walking trips
- Golden shoe award for class with most participation in major walk to school day events
- Winning students and classrooms announced over loudspeaker
- Coordinating with buses to re-route and drop students off at the town park
- Year-round walking (including more than 1 negative degree day!)
- Bike trips from school and from park – around the community
- Created bike skills course with handmade obstacles
- Themed a winter walk “Holiday Hat Walk” and encouraged students to wear a special hat (elf, Santa, bells, etc)

Outstanding Champion: Laura Asermily, Mary Hogan Elementary School

Recognizing a champion who went above and beyond to create a sustainable SRTS program

- Reinvigorated program
- Created support in the town by bringing Rec Dept. and Public Works Dept. members onto team
- Engages other schools in the community
- Working on a bike swap for children’s bikes
- Wears banana suit out on major road in front of school to slow traffic down, garner attention, and help students cross
- Posts slow down signage along walking routes
- No idling campaign with Girls Scout Troops
- All student receive WS/BS curriculum, plus bike rodeo

Community Collaboration: Chrissy Keating, Safe Kids Vermont

Recognizing a community Friend that is integral to our mission (in this case keeping kids safe!)

- Provides direct support to SRTS programming including International Walk to School Day, Pedestrian Safety on Halloween, Student Safety Patrol Program, and Bike to School Day
- Donates and provides low-cost resources to partner schools: helmets, bike rodeo kits, bike trailer
- Promotes walking/biking safety through state-wide coalition and through press